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Weapons used by Kattabomman.

* 232 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the sword and other weapons used by Kattabomman and Oomaithurai are now in the possession of the Police in Tirunelveli district; and

(*b*) if so, how they got them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Price of foodgrains.

* 233 *Q.*—SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Government of India regarding the control of prices of foodgrains; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM: உணவுப் பொருள்களுக்கு குறைந்தபட்ச விலை நிர்ணயிக்க மத்திய சர்க்கார் இந்த சர்க்காருக்கு தாக்கீது அளித்திருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: குறைந்தபட்ச விலை நிர்ணயிக்கவேண்டுமென்று யோசனை அரசாங்கத்திடம் இருக்கிறது. எந்த சமயத்தில் அதை எடுத்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டுமோ அப்பொழுது எடுத்து முடிவு செய்யப்படும்.

Man-eater in Satyamangalam range.

* 234 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED AND SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the loss of lives in the North Coimbatore Division due to the activities of a man-eater, and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken to kill the man-eater?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) In July 1957, the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore (North) Division, got information to the effect that a grazier was killed by a man-eater in Satyamangalam range.

(*b*) The Conservator, Coimbatore Circle, issued instructions to the District Forest Officer to notify the man-eater in anticipation of the approval of the Chief Conservator of Forests. This action was later ratified by the Chief Conservator of Forests. The Collector of Coimbatore was asked to give wide publicity amongst shooting